

## The Democrat.

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## DEMOCRATIC CITY TICKET.

WATER WORKS TRUSTEE.  
CONRAD SCHWEITZER.COUNCILMEN.  
First Ward—MATTHEW DAST.  
Second Ward—JOSEPH SCHOTT.  
Third Ward—ARTHUR GACHETTE.  
Fourth Ward—JOHN MURRAY.  
Fifth Ward—PAUL ZURCHER.  
Seventh Ward—DANIEL COBAUGH.ALDERMEN.  
First Ward—JOHN A. BOLL.  
Second Ward—EDWARD ZUMSTEIN.  
Third Ward—AL. BAXTER.  
Fourth Ward—WM. GONDER.  
Fifth Ward—LOUIS LOCHOT.  
Sixth Ward—J. K. BOWERS.MEMBERS OF SCHOOL BOARD.  
1st Ward—PETER DARTLET—One Year.  
2nd Ward—JOHN C. STITCHCOCK—One Year.  
3rd Ward—ED. DANSEMILLER—One Year.  
4th Ward—ANTON W. WALTER—One Year.  
5th Ward—WM. ARCHIVAL—Two Years.  
6th Ward—A. MURKIGER—One Year.  
7th Ward—JOSEPH RUSCHLE—Two Years.  
8th Ward—ANTON JAMMEHL—One Year.  
9th Ward—WM. PETER—Two Years.  
10th Ward—DR. L. S. SHELLE—One Year.  
11th Ward—DR. S. A. CONKLIN—Two Years.

## DEMOCRATIC TOWNSHIP TICKET.

JESTER OF THE PEACE.  
CHRISTIAN VOLZKE.TOWNSHIP CLERK.  
LAWRENCE DECHER.  
BLAINE BOHN.  
JOSEPH THROTE.CLERK.  
JOHN MACH.  
ALDERMAN.  
JAMES W. SLUTZ.TOWNSHIP CLERK.  
LOUIS DEMONT.  
CONSTABLE.  
GUST WEBER.  
A. C. GOODMAN.  
LAWRENCE WECKMAN.FOR REPRESENTATIVE.  
THIRD DISTRICT—LEVI BAUM.

The greatest flood and the greatest mob distinguish Cincinnati so far this year.

Let citizens of Canton vote the anti-ring ticket next Monday. Give the ring masters and the ring organ a backset.

THANKS TO HON. D. R. PAIGE for a pamphlet copy of Speaker Carlisle's speech on "Tariff and Tax Commission," March 28 and 29, 1882.

In the Legislature they killed the canal ring scheme dead as a mackerel Tuesday. Next Monday let Cantonians do a good job of the same kind.

TEN thousand people at the Columbus depot, on Tuesday, welcomed the return of their "bold soldier boys" from Cincinnati. The gallant lads deserved it all.

MEN of character, business and undoubted honesty, have been nominated and placed on the Democratic ticket in this city. People have confidence again. The ring despairs, and will be desperate.

The citizens of Canton, we are confident, will rise to the height of duty on Monday next and elect men to the City Council and the other positions who will scorn to be used as tools of a contemptible and corrupt ring.

The Thompson canal bill in the House at Columbus was indefinitely postponed on Tuesday. It was a grand scheme to steal the canals of the State, and the lobby was active. The whole three bills were indefinitely postponed and the effort to reconsider failed.

HON. S. S. COX's recent able speech on "Our Revenues and Their Treatment—Wages and Their Causes—Income and Outgo," was received by us yesterday under that gentleman's frank. It is always refreshing to read or hear our genial friend on the tariff and kindred subjects.

ROMAN has it that Anthouso, Upham & Co., have taken special charge of Keefe's campaign for Water Works Trustee. When bad men combine, good men must associate and stand together. Good citizens, Democrats and Republicans alike, will rally to the polls next Monday, for the city ring must go.

No matter who Republicans elect to the Council, past experience shows that Fawcett controls the whole batch every time; except Blaine, who refused to wear the ring collar. For his faithfulness to the people in the past, the ring threw him overboard. Voters of the 6th ward should lay for the ring candidate at the polls next Monday.

The Repository is very ready to say the City Council is Democratic. Let us look at it. The four or five Republican members, with Fawcett and Billy Wyant leading, were in close communion constantly with Mr. Shields, who managed to drag and drive along with him two or three Democrats, thus making a majority. Eight members constitute a majority. Every citizen familiar with the Council proceedings knows this to be true. This was the way the propped up engine building was accepted.

The Shields ring organ rushes to the defense of its friends with amazing infamy in referring to a circumstance of eleven years ago, raking up, as it were, the ashes of the dead, worthy of these specimens of prostitution, and of course written by Mr. Shields himself. Have such prostitution knaves no fear of exposure? Since that occurrence we have repeatedly supported R. S. Shields for positions, showing the utter falsity of the inference as to personal enmity. No doubt he was worthy as a magistrate to preside over a police court, organized to convict and victimize to the extent of pecuniary capacity.

No, the editor of this paper has had no personal quarrel with R. S. Shields, or any other man of the ring. In the discharge of our duty, however, we shall necessarily take all consequences, and if necessary expose the rotten specimens

of prostitution and frequenters of houses of ill-fame, that seek to lead in this community and control our city affairs to their own private gain.

As to "several defeats at Columbus" sustained by A. McGregor, this is news indeed. Shields, Crech & Co. did not deliver any Stark county votes in the Senatorial contest, as promised. It was "indeed a case of sour grapes," and hence the indignant thrust of a leader at the Payne headquarters, in saying:

"Shields, where's the A. of a B. from Stark county, you promised us should vote for Payne?"

## OHIO AND NEW YORK.

The Commercial Gazette, of Cincinnati, warns the Republicans not to commit the blunder of counting too confidently on success in the next election. "It is well," it says, "not to forget that the approaching campaign for the Presidency opens with the advantages largely on the Democratic side," and then it presents the subjoined table conceding all the Southern States to the Democratic ticket, giving that ticket 153 of the 401 electoral votes as follows:

Alabama	10	Mississippi	10
Arkansas	7	Minnesota	10
Delaware	3	North Carolina	12
Florida	9	South Carolina	12
Georgia	15	Tennessee	12
Kentucky	12	Texas	12
Louisiana	12	Virginia	12
Maryland	12	West Virginia	12

Total 153 electoral votes.  
Total 401 electoral votes.  
A majority would be 201.

Northern vote needed by Democrats 148.

This leaves but 47 votes in the North to be got by the Democrats to secure the election of their ticket. New York, New Jersey, California and Nevada would give them; so would Ohio, Indiana, California, Nevada and New Jersey. The conclusion which this Republican paper comes to is that Ohio and New York are essential to Republican success, and a man must be nominated for the head of the ticket who can carry them both. The Republican factions say Arthur could carry New York but would lose Ohio, while Blaine might carry Ohio but would certainly lose New York. Logan and Edmunds would lose both.

The City Council is to-day and has been for several years past Democratic in political complexion. The Democratic organ has publicly charged that that body has been bossed and run in the interests of a ring—Repository.

And the Repository is the organ of the ring, while the DEMOCRAT is not. The ring is really Republican and the bosses have been and are Shields, Fawcett & Wyant. When policemen were elected one year ago, Mr. Wyant read the ballots, being appointed for that purpose by President Shields. According to the way members of Council reported to us the day or two after, we were satisfied Policeman Baughman, and perhaps one or so more, could not have been elected. We visited the Council chamber to examine the ballots and found a waste basket full, but not one of the ballots we wished to examine was there, those we learned, having been pocketed by President Shields and carried off. Our readers can draw their own inference. We state facts. Why were these tickets thus captured and taken away and not the others? Is it not about time this ring arrangement was bursted? Shields and Fawcett represent the Seventh ward, the strong Republican ward of the city and they have both acted accordingly and acted together.

The Cincinnati riot demonstrates the folly of even good citizens proposing to take the law into their own hands. The only safety is to let the law take its course. The law may delay—may even fail to do all it should, but in no other way is there safety. The Music Hall meeting was attended by 8,000 people and under the direction of conservative and leading citizens, unwittingly lighted the match that led to the terrible riot. The crowd took no account of the advice to keep within the laws, but greedily drank in the denunciation of public wrongs, with the suggestion they must cease, and straightway proceeded to apply what seemed to them the needed remedy; that is Judge Lynch's. If they could have compassed their purpose they would have hung half a dozen of the twenty murderers in the jail. It is well to remember that when the public mind is deeply excited as it was in Cincinnati last week, at the miscarriage of justice, a public meeting with inflammatory speeches is not judicious.

The Repository is not poking fun at the costly "little market house" since it became the ring organ. The organ has nothing to say either about the propped up and supported engine building that cost the city about \$11,000. The Rep. should have Messrs. Shields and Fawcett of the building committee explain; tell us who is to blame for the fraud; inform us why they recommended the acceptance of the building and had the Council accept it. Boss Fawcett, as usual, led the Republican members and Boss Shields, with his usual majesty and imperious rule, dragged along a few Democrats. But, really, cannot the Rep get us an explanation from some one in authority as to this outrageous fraud? The organ, the committee, the contractors, etc., are very silent. The vipers Crech and Mayor Dick too might defend their friends.

The readers of the DEMOCRAT will remember that Samuel J. Tilden was sued in 1876 for alleged unpaid income taxes, and that after years of continuance, the record on the docket was a nolle. The other day was witnessed the judicial refutation of another slander, concocted during the canvass of 1876. The Chicago & Alton railroad had sued Mr. Tilden to recover some bonds retained by him and his co-trustees as security for fees earned in adjusting matters for this road. The characterization of railroad wroker ascribed to Mr. Tilden is well remembered. The final decree of this suit, just entered by Judge Drummond at Chicago, not only finds for Mr. Tilden in the full amount of these bonds, but further adjudges that the railroad within ten days pay \$9,200 to complete the balance due.

## CANTON DEMOCRATS NOMINATE

An Anti-Ring Ticket by Overwhelming Majorities Despite the Lies of the Repository as the Ring Organ.

The Democrats of Canton on Saturday last in their respective wards by ballot formed a ticket to be supported next Monday, and the job was well and nobly done.

Over a thousand votes were cast, and while there was some activity, the matter passed off in the main very quietly, but none the less agreeably. The only city position to fill this spring is that of Water Works Trustee, and for that Mr. Conrad Schweitzer was almost unanimously nominated, receiving over 900 votes to 77 cast for Mr. George Geiger.

It is due to Mr. Geiger to say that he was not a candidate of his own will; but was throughout supported by several important gentlemen who did not relish Mr. Schweitzer, knowing they could not use him for their schemes and purposes. Messrs. Shields, Upham, Crech, Baldwin, Mayor Piro, the Repository, at all labored hard to defeat Schweitzer's nomination, even running to the polls devoted Republican friends, some of whom actually pledged to vote the ticket nominated. Notwithstanding all these efforts, Mr. Schweitzer received over 900 votes to Mr. Geiger's 77. One may judge from this how the tide moves!

We refer our readers to the ticket at the head of the editorial column for the names of those nominated for the various positions. Several of the positions were well contested and some good men had to be left. This usually happens.

Let our friends remember that next Monday is election day, and that is the time that success counts. The people of Canton demand honest city administration and there is a deep-seated feeling that something is wrong in our city management. Hence the importance of a City Council composed of a majority of sound men, who will resolutely stand by the right.

It is gratifying that such men as Bast, Schott, Gachette, Cobough, Zurcher and others were nominated, despite the personal efforts of Crech, Upham, Mayor Piro and others, under the direction of Shields, Baldwin, Fawcett and the Repository. Let all good citizens do their duty on Monday next, and elect the men of integrity and stamina.

Our township ticket is made up of well known and estimable citizens, who, we are confident, will be quite acceptable, and will receive a full handed and cordial support. Let all our friends put in proper and efficient work and thus secure a satisfactory result. Men of principle should be our principal men, and thus only may we hope to secure integrity in the management of public affairs.

## CONRAD SCHWEITZER.

Our candidate for Water Works Trustee, is not an old man, not a contractor, nor interested in contracts, has not struck oil, and does not propose to oil any one for votes. Mr. Schweitzer is not the candidate of any ring and has no interested contractors at his back to spend money for his election, as was done at the special election in the 4th and 6th wards a few months ago, and one year ago to elect Mr. Shields in the 7th ward, and as will be done to elect Messrs. Fawcett and Keefe next Monday.

Conrad Schweitzer appeals for the support of honest citizens at the polls next Monday. He can be relied on as an anti-ring man; and being a good business man will be a useful member of the Board of Water Works Trustees. For some time Mr. Schweitzer has occupied a responsible position in the office of C. Aultman & Co., and enjoys the confidence of that firm and all connected with that establishment. The charge of the Repository, that Mr. S. will spend \$2,500 to be elected is only an emanation of the ring, for these individuals never had an idea above dollars and cents. With them,

"Times and dollars, dollars and times,  
An empty pocket's the worst of crimes."

The ring organ and its ring slanders will fail at this time. The citizens of Canton know the ring masters and their doings, and if they and their tools running for position are not settled by next Monday's vote, we shall be mistaken, that's all. One great point they are driving at is to continue Shields as President of the Council. This is absolutely necessary for their schemes. They must also elect lawyer Fawcett, for Shields must have his assistance. He would not and a confederate in Daniel Cobough.

The Repository continues to harp on Joseph Dick, and yesterday had another card from him. Poor Dick, it seems, is ready to sign anything for the ring. On Wednesday morning, last week, we telephoned Mr. Dick, and asked him if he was a candidate, saying we were as ready to announce him as anybody, if he desired to be a candidate. He replied he did not wish to be a candidate, but wished we would get Mr. Bast to withdraw and nominate McGinley. We replied that was not our business, that if he wanted to be a candidate to say so, and we would cheerfully announce him. He again said he did not, and we answered all right, good bye. Mayor Piro was standing by and heard what we said. They nevertheless run Dick and he was not nominated. The ring are much disappointed, no doubt.

ALLEGATIONS of fraud have been made against the General Land Office by members of the Legislature of New Mexico, having sent to Representative Springer, to be presented in Congress, a memorial charging that millions of acres of land in New Mexico and Colorado have been converted to private use. It will soon be presented to the House, and probably a special committee will be asked for to investigate the charges. The charge is that the commissioner of the Land Office has held in reserve, in the interest of private land claimants, some 4,000,000 acres of public land in New Mexico and Colorado; that patents to a large portion of these lands so held in reserve have been fraudulently obtained from the

United States by private land claimants, through the corruption of the General Land Office, and that in numerous instances and to a great extent on mineral lands favored parties have unlawfully been permitted by the General Land Office to make homestead and pre-emption entries upon public lands held in reserve by the office, and to receive patents from the United States therefor.

## THE REPOSITORY AND THE RING LEADERS.

The Repository aspires to be a light-house for the Democrats, and talks about the Stark County DEMOCRAT, "Boss McGregor," and "the McGregor ring." Well, our ring is not the "city ring;" don't palm fraudulent buildings upon the city at extortionate prices; don't change the contracts so as to "expedite," as in the Star route robberies. Our ring is not engaged in that nefarious sort of work.

There is undoubtedly a ring that runs in the Star route channel in Canton; and the Rep. is the organ of this Republican ring. About four months ago the members of the ring, Republicans and professing Democrats, labored and spent money, and succeeded in electing Republicans in the 4th and 6th wards, and defeating Democrats. Messrs. Shields, Upham, Crech, Mayor Piro, Melbourn, Milhof and their hired workers were busy, and took us by surprise, and hence got a victory that elated them much. Since this occurred they have been more bold and shameless, and laid their ropes to capture the Democracy at our primaries last Saturday. In this, however, the Repository admits they signally failed; and the result shows that the McGregor ring in Canton is the entire party! And that is just the size of it! Of course the columns of the Stark County DEMOCRAT are not run just now in the interest of this ring arrangement. The Repository is quite welcome to that service.

The people of Canton demand and are entitled to honest administration. The City Council is the authority to look after and protect the interests of the city. This has not been done by the Shield-Fawcett combination, who have controlled the Council. Neither the Repository nor one of the ring, nor Messrs. Shields, Fawcett, or Billy Wyant of the City Council have dared to come out over his own signature and defend their acceptance of the engine structure that had to be propped and bound with iron rods to keep it from falling as soon as completed and before it was accepted.

The ruling spirits of the building committee were, R. S. Shields and Mr. Fawcett, appointed by Mr. Shields as President of the Council. Of course these gentlemen were the ruling power with the contractors, and they seem to have all worked lovingly together, and do yet, politically and otherwise. Why should they not? They are now laboring to elect their obedient friends next Monday and so continue to swing things. The important point is to get control of the Council and so keep in Mr. Shields as President, in order to pack the committees so as to do the most good to themselves and friends. We wish all honest citizens of Canton to understand the situation and do his duty. Let every candidate say whether he is ring or anti-ring. THE STARK COUNTY DEMOCRAT is anti-ring. Let that be fully and fairly understood.

"PRINCIPLES, not men," is an old Democratic motto, and one that should be frequently recurring. The good cause is only good as its principles are right, and as they are adhered to and put into practice, when possible to do so.

If there is no difference between the Democratic and Republican parties,—what is the use of bothering? If there is no need of "reform" in our government, we have been for years fooling time away in adopting platforms and trying to drive from power the Republican party.

The people, almost universally, recognize the need of change in order to bring about reform. The Democratic party have ever stood for just government; for equal and exact justice to all men; and of necessity must oppose the iniquitous Republican protective tariff, that builds up monopoly by robbing labor and honest business. The Republican party policy is to build up a millionaire class at the expense of honest workers. Let our friends in Congress show their hands for REVENUE REFORM.

MR. CHARLES SCOTT, a life-long resident of Cleveland, protests in a card to the Herald against the selection of Secretary of War Lincoln, declaring this solemn truth:

"If it were not for the fact that Mr. Lincoln is a son of his father, his name would never have been mentioned in connection with the Presidency."

He analyzes the political conditions under which young Lincoln lives, and concludes that his nomination is wanted by the "organized machine of the Republican party." His remaining in Arthur's cabinet as the sole relic of Garfield's cabinet, was due to his intimacy with the Chandler-Hutton regime that dominates at the White House.

The ring will exert themselves to have lawyer Fawcett re-elected in the Seventh ward. They cannot spare him, the contractors need his services and they will spend money to re-elect him. Honest citizens in that ward should retire him. He has been Boss Shields's lieutenant on the building committee and in the Council. As an attorney he works for his client.

In Cincinnati on Saturday night the mob burned the Court House and all the records. Several persons were killed and a number wounded. Berner was safely lodged in the O. P. at Columbus. State troops are being ordered to Cincinnati. Quartermaster J. A. Meyer of the Eighth Regiment, received marching orders yesterday and leaves to-day with his staff.

## THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.

By the new school law each ward must elect two members to the school board, one for one year and one for two years. This is a matter for the citizens of each ward to arrange and should be attended to at once, so that the tickets may be printed full and satisfactory.

Two or three wards out of the seven in our city are Republican; and if the Republican citizens in these indicate a willingness to elect a Democrat in each, it would doubtless induce Democrats in some of our wards to be equally liberal. This is what we would like to see and what should be. The two Republican members of the present board of six are Mr. Geo. D. Harter and Mr. Joseph A. Meyer, but both reside in the Democratic First ward. Ordinarily, neither of these gentlemen could be elected, though both good citizens and worthy members, Mr. Harter being treasurer and serving without pay, as the law does not allow any pay but does require a heavy bond. We believe no member of the present Board cares about being continued, at least we know one who does not, and that is A. McGregor.

There is no pay whatever attending the position, and if a man half attends to the duties, it takes up a fair portion of his time and considerably engages his attention.

It is to be hoped this enlargement of the Board and electing by wards instead of the entire district, will result in improvement. We have not a copy of the law and do not know what provision is made for that part of our Union school district lying outside of the city, and of considerable territorial extent and contributing considerably in the way of taxes. We do not learn that any citizen of Canton was consulted about the law, certainly no member of the School Board. It seems the law was passed at the instigation of some dissatisfied persons in Chillicothe who wanted to legislate out a Board, and succeeded. The law does not stop with Chillicothe, but reaches Canton, Steubenville and Youngstown. These same persons in Chillicothe may soon want this law repealed and the old one restored. All this shows the beautiful uncertainty of our legislation.

But let our citizens move at once and conform to the law, for the schools must be cared for, and we should like to see suitable citizens chosen.

The beginning of the raging mob in Cincinnati was the indignation meeting in Music Hall on Friday evening. Of course there was much just indignation at the verdict of the jury in Berner's case, bringing in a verdict for manslaughter, which at the most would consign him to the Penitentiary for twenty years. Our readers will generally remember that Berner, aged 18, and a colored boy still younger, both working for Kirk in his livery stable, murdered their employer some weeks ago, taking the body after night out in the suburbs and throwing it into a gully. The murder was finally traced to them, and they were arrested and confessed. It seems when Kirk came into the stable, the colored lad hit him on the back of the head with a hammer. They soon finished him, and dragged the body back in the stable for a time. By this mob many lives have been lost, and such an affair is always unfortunate. The speakers at the meeting were prominent and influential citizens, Springer, Hickenlooper and others; and of course made incendiary appeals. Such men should have more discretion.

THE way the approach to an able editor is guarded in Scotland is thus related by an Edinburgh correspondent of the Philadelphia Press:

"Having occasion to visit the office of the Scotsman, I was met by a female dragon, who guarded the approach to the sanctum. Her brilliancy startled me from my usual composure. I have not been accustomed to see in newspaper offices women at all, but more especially one wearing diamonds in her ears and pearls around her neck, with an eye-glass tilted gracefully on her nose, out of which—the eye-glasses, not the nose—she viewed me suspiciously. In a voice not sweet, but strong, she demanded my business.

"I want to see the editor," I answered.  
"The editor is never seen," was the reply.  
"Never seen," I exclaimed.  
"Never seen, except by those who know him," was the answer.  
"What's his name?" I asked.  
"His name is never given to people who don't know it," she said.  
"How can I communicate with him?"  
"By letter," replied the fair Cerberus."

THE two Houses of Congress are likely soon to be at loggerheads over the Naval appropriation. As passed by the House the bill is now before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and it has been decided to report it so amended as to engraft upon it the bill for new cruisers that recently passed the Senate. A disagreement on this feature is taken for granted, and then will come the tug of war. The conferees on the part of the Senate will be Logan, Hale and Beck; for the House, Randall, Hutchins and Calkins. These are all men, tenacious of their positions. Hale will insist strenuously on the incorporation of his bill as part of the Naval Appropriation, and will be flatly opposed by Randall.

THE Republicans of Pittsburgh and Allegheny county, are all torn up over Blaine and anti-Blaine. In the fourth district convention Tuesday the Blaine men were beaten, the vote on chairman being 40% to 44%, and the Blaine men bolted and held a convention of their own, choosing four delegates to the State convention. The Blaine men claim two of their men were bribed.

THE riot was caused by the sensational and incendiary Cincinnati papers, and the foolish indignation meeting on last Friday night at Music Hall with inflammatory speeches from such leading citizens as Dr. Kemper, who presided, ex-Lieutenant Governor Hickenlooper,

Judge Carter and others, and a lot of crazy resolutions. This meeting was the beginning of the mob in which some two hundred persons were killed or wounded. These are what stirred things up to a sudden flood of mutiny. Admit there was a laxity in the administration of justice, those whose courage incited to mob rule and lynch law have a terrible responsibility. Innocent people have been killed, men upon whom large families depended for support have been shot down in cold blood, and the court house, the property of the public, of the poor as well as the rich, with invaluable records, has been laid in waste by a ruthless mob.

SHERIFF SKEELES, of Carrollton, says openly and boldly, that County Commissioner Scott, his brother-in-law, told him he got \$1,000 for giving the new Court House job to architect Weary, Scott says he didn't; and Weary don't admit. There were a number of architects on the ground, and the contest was fierce. The two Republican organs take different views, the Republican taking sides with Skeeles and the Free Press defending Scott. This is purely a Republican party affair, and we don't know which set are lying, or whether the other set are mad because they did not get the \$1,000.

THE Repository of Saturday had in a card signed "Joseph Dick," which Mr. Dick never wrote, and which was written by the artful attorneys of the ring. Mr. Dick is not made to explicitly deny that he did inform us by telephone that he did not wish to be a candidate for Council, and he will not deny it; indeed he has admitted the telephone conversation to others since it occurred. The "business" relations that Mr. Dick has with one or more of these unprincipled tricksters, entitles him to our sympathy. If they had any shame they would not thus use so worthy a man for their base purposes.

THE course of a Democratic House on the land monopoly grants to railroads is making the monopolists quake, and reclaiming millions of acres given away by a republican congress, and hereafter, poor men who want to acquire little farms of their own may have a chance to do so without paying the demands of soulless monopolies. Seven million acres in Mississippi and Alabama; the Oregon contract grant of 1,600,000, and two grants in California amounting to 5,000,000 acres will come next, and then other grants which have been held for years to the injury of the people.

AN exchange while commenting vigorously upon the present outlook of national politics, declares that "a surplus of \$100,000,000 is as great a reproach to the statesmanship at Washington as a deficiency of half that sum would be." It is, indeed. In England government responsibility is more direct than in this country, and a surplus of this magnitude for one year would overthrow the administration. It would be pronounced incompetent and extortionate. Yet our government has collected from the people the enormous excess annually of \$100,000,000. A change of policy is surely demanded at Washington.

A PROPOSITION to memorialize Congress for the restoration of higher rates of duty on wool was defeated in the Iowa House of Representatives the other day by a vote of 37 to 44. Party lines were not discernible in the vote, the majority being made up of both Republicans and Democrats. The people of the west are dividing on the questions growing out of taxation without much reference to present political inclining.

The following excellent ticket has been nominated by our friends at Alliance. We hope one and all will be elected on Monday next: Mayor, S. V. Eick; Clerk, N. H. Reynolds; Treasurer, T. C. McKroy; Council, M. Early, J. T. Weybrecht, John Joseph; Cemetery Director, Dr. R. W. Teeters; Marshal, Pat Scanlon; School Board, John Grimsey and Frank Gaskell.

It may have been well enough to increase the salaries of U. S. District Judges, but to prohibit them from appointing any relative nearer than first cousin under them, seems ridiculous. Senators select for private secretaries members of their families. Why not make the rule to apply to all, the President included, why single out the judiciary?

HORATIO SEYMOUR surprises the public by declaring in favor of the nomination of Mr. Tilden for the Presidency. He says Mr. Tilden's ill health would be an advantage and protection against the throngs of men who want office. That fact would be a protection against intrusion. It is not improbable that Mr. Tilden may be tendered the nomination.

JOHN G. THOMPSON is reported as saying he would like to see Hallet Kilbourn, of Washington, get his \$37,500 damages for being kept under arrest by him when Sergeant-at-Arms. It is a debt which Congress must pay, but will require an appropriation to relieve Thompson, who has use for all the loose change he has about his clothes.

"We are going to manufacture a Republican victory out of your speech," said Reed of Maine to Hawitt of New York. "You Republicans always did manufacture your victories," interposed Mr. Talbot of Maryland, and the hit was so palpable the House "came down" with laughter and cheers.

DEMOCRATS are not responsible for Republican policy that has built up monopoly in all directions and has given the country a millionaire class. The country needs an honest, Democratic administration of the Jacksonian type, that would make reform the leading feature. Mr. Tilden would be the man.